

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR AWARD OF CONTRACT ON  
SOLE SOURCE BASIS**

**Program Agency:** Department of Behavioral Health

**Proposed Contractor:** Anchor Mental Health Association, Inc.

**Contract Number:** RM-17-SS-046-BY0-DJW

**Caption:** Child/Youth Mental Health Mobile Response Crisis Services

**AUTHORITY**

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304, 1700, and 1701

**1. MINIMUM NEED:**

The District of Columbia Office of Contracting and Procurement, on behalf of Department of Behavioral Health (District) has a requirement for a DBH certified Mental Health Rehabilitation Service (MHRS) Provider to provide Mobile Response Crisis Services for Children and Youth requiring immediate mental health services with the District or at a District supported location. Services shall support DBH Programs in assessment, stabilization and monitoring for District Children and Youth requiring Mental Health services.

**2. ESTIMATED FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE:**

The unit of compensation is a Fixed Service Price of \$186,918.00 per month for three (3) months or as such time as the Invitation for Bid (IFB) solicitation is completed and a Contract Awarded as a result of an IFB. The Contractor is obligated to provide Children Crisis Mobile Response Services Twenty-Four (24) hours per day, Seven (7) days per week. Anchor Mental Health Association, Inc. shall be compensated upon approval of submitted invoices by the Contract Administrator (CA) and within the terms/conditions of the signed Contract.

The total available funding to be allocated for these services is in the amount of \$560,754.00.

The Contractor shall be responsible for providing Children Crisis Mobile Response Services based upon the assumption that the community-based care is more humane, more therapeutic and less stigmatizing than institutional care. Taking Crisis Services “to the streets” allows for on-site assessments in family homes, schools, group care and other settings where more accurate evaluations can be made in the child’s living environment.

**3. FACTS SUPPORTING SOURCE SELECTION:**

The Department of Behavioral Health solicited approximately twenty seven (27) vendors and advertised on DBH’s website and one (1) offer was received. Anchor Mental Health Association, Inc. was the only vendor to respond. A survey was conducted to ascertain why other vendors did not respond and the result of the vendor’s contacted as a result of this survey they were either not interested or did not have the capacity to provide the service

required by the solicitation. Anchor Mental Health Association, Inc. has forty five (45) years of experience in providing services to clients with mental health illness to help them successfully transition into community and the has been providing services and supports for Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) – involved children and youth with severe emotional disturbances for more than thirty five (35) years.

**4. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:**

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

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Dr. Tanya Royster, Agency Director  
Department of Behavioral Health

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Date

**5. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACT SPECIALIST**

I hereby certify that the above findings are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Further, I certify that the notice on intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received.

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Denise J. Wells, CPPB  
Contract Specialist

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Date

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the Sole Source method of procurement.

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Margaret T. Desper, CPPB  
Contracting Officer

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Date